Status of PMSSY

1879. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY);

(b) by when this scheme is likely to be concluded;

(c) what is the present status of implementation of PMSSY;

(d) whether it is a fact that implementation of the scheme has been delayed due to lack of funds; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to provide sufficient funds for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) Under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it has been decided to set up six AIIMS-like institutions in under-served states and also a upgrade 13 existing Govt. Medical College Institutions in ten States. The scheme is expected to be implemented in about three years. For the six AIIMS-like institutions, various start-up activities have been initiated such as construction of boundary wall, the process of pre-construction survey at the sites, election of Project Consultant for providing comprehensive consultancy services and selection of architectural concept/design. For the upgradation projects, proposals have been invited from State Govt./Institutions. The assessment reports and gap analysis for each of the identified is also being carried out.

(d) and (e) There has been no delay in implementation of the scheme due to lack of funds. The PMSSY scheme has also been approved by the competent authority in March, 06. The availability of resources has also been tied up before obtaining the approval of scheme.

Infant Mortality Rate among BPL families

1880. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present infant mortality rate in India and the present lowest IMR in the world with the name of that country;

(b) whether any survey has been made to assess IMR among BPL families in our country;